

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A prosthesis for large blood vessels, comprising:

a main conduit having first and second ends, at least one intermediate tract of said main conduit is subdivided between said first and second ends into ~~a plurality of~~ at least three smaller conduits located parallel one to another, that rejoin with said main conduit after being subdivided.

2. (previously presented) The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the smaller conduits each have an internal calibre which is smaller than an internal calibre of the main conduit.

3. (previously presented) The prosthesis of claim 2, wherein an overall section which is a sum of sections of the smaller conduits is approximately equal to a section of the main conduit.

4. (previously presented) The prosthesis of claim 3, wherein the smaller conduits are independent one from another.

5. (cancelled).

6. (currently amended) The prosthesis of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein ~~a smaller conduit~~ one of the smaller conduits exhibits a greater calibre than two of the smaller conduits.

7. (previously presented) The prosthesis of claim 6, wherein the main conduit and the smaller conduits are made of a bio-compatible material which exhibits a smaller elastic deformability in a transversal direction thereof and a greater elastic deformability in a longitudinal direction thereof.

8. (canceled)